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Amendments to Claims

Please add claim 11.

Please amend claims 1-3, 7 and 9 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) Method for copying data from a tape onto a storage medium,

comprising the steps of:

scanning the tape in a fast winding operation,

counting control pulses present on the tape during the fast winding operation in

a counter,

defining a compression rate in dependency of the number of control pulses and
the capacity of the storage optical medium, and

reading the data from the tape and writing the data onto the storage medium by
using said compression rate.

2. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein the control pulses are
pulses recorded on a longitudinal track of the tape together with a helical scan
~~recording, in particular are CTL pulses recorded onto a VHS tape, and wherein that~~
~~from the number of control pulses the run length of the recording is calculated from the~~
number of control pulses.

3. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein after a command of a
user for initiating the method, a winding operation for winding the tape to the beginning
or to the end of the tape is performed first, ~~in particular a fast winding operation.~~

4. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein during the fast winding
operation for counting the control pulses, the complete tape is scanned, and then
wound to the beginning or to the end of the tape for performing a one touch copy
operation for copying all recording of the tape onto the storage medium.

5. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein before calculating the
compression rate for the recording, the storage medium is checked for defining the
maximum recording time.

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6. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein when calculating the compression rate for the recording, a reserve is included for taking into account counting errors of the control pulses.

7. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein the control pulses of a standard play recording and the control pulses of a long play recording are counted in different counters, and that a higher compression rate is defined for the recording performed in the long play modus, ~~for example by using a factor of two.~~

8. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein the storage medium is an optical storage disk, a hard disk or a semiconductor device.

9. (Currently Amended) Appliance comprising a media recorder, ~~in particular a DVD recorder, a tape recorder, in particular a VHS tape recorder or a DV recorder,~~ a micro-controller and a first memory, wherein the micro-controller performs a method according to claim 1, using the first memory for storing the control pulses.

10. (Previously Presented) Appliance according to claim 9, wherein the method is stored as a program in a second memory of the appliance associated with a micro-controller, and that the micro-controller performs the method, when initiated by a user via a control button of the appliance.

11. (New) Appliance according to claim 9, wherein the media recorder is a DVD recorder and the tape recorder is at least one of a VHS tape recorder and a DV recorder.